

THE latest report in regard to the Santa Fe's proposed line from Kansas City to Chicago, is that the road will certainly be built, and that active work will be commenced early in the spring. It is claimed that the line will be fifty miles shorter than either of the other roads, which fact in addition to other advantages that the Santa Fe possesses would give them considerable advantage over their rivals, the C. B. & Q. and the Rock Island.

THE glowing future in store for Great Bend is indelibly written upon the calendar of fate and as plainly visible on the countenances of our prosperous citizens. Within the past few days we have felt the public pulse upon the feasibility of publishing a daily paper for the city and we have found the sentiment strong enough in favor of the enterprise to warrant us in making complete arrangements for such a publication. The paper will be four pages of five columns each, non-partisan in politics and devoted exclusively to the moral, social and financial interests of Great Bend. We have associated with ourselves Will E. Stoke, and his well known ability as a practical printer will assure the mechanical neatness and prompt appearance of the paper. It will be delivered to any part of the city at the moderate subscription price of fifteen cents a week. We have already secured quite a flattering subscription list. We will wait upon you shortly and solicit your patronage, feeling confident that the benefits of a daily paper for Great Bend will enlist your support.

WE regret circumstances compel our absence from the DEMOCRAT for the short space of two weeks. But a short rest will be appreciated by ourselves, and the paper will doubtless suffer no deterioration in quality while we are away. We regret most of all that we shall not be here to wish our readers a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." But our good wishes are with them one and all, we earnestly desire that the coming year may bring gladness and prosperity to every home visited by the DEMOCRAT. We are supremely happy that the new year will be ushered in with such cheering prospects for Great Bend and the country. New settlers are coming in, new railroads are building, our schools are prosperous, our churches are well attended. In everything that adds to material prosperity, our progress promises to be far ahead of any year in the past. The DEMOCRAT will begin the new year with fairer prospects than ever before, and we have an abiding faith that the paper will continue to grow in influence and usefulness. To those who have so generously encouraged us both by words and deeds, we tender our sincere gratitude. Whether good or evil betide, we shall labor to uphold the good and repress the bad.

## ELLINWOOD.

Dr. Tucker is stopping at the Commercial.

Gus Genze is very ill.

Messrs. McCaffery and Rader returned Monday from a business trip west.

Several parties of wolf hunters have been out this week.

Mr. Steckle contemplates building another store room.

Mr. Hobrecht, landlord of the City Hotel, returned last week from an extended visit to his claim. H. H.

John Mosel was in the Bend last week.

A double track is being laid between this city and Great Bend. Also between Ellinwood and Raymond.

## PAWNEE ROCK.

The boom is still on "the Rock."

Messrs. Dupree & Ashton are about ready to occupy their new stone block.

The new bakery mentioned in last week's Leader seems to have been of light weight and has floated off on the surface.

W. S. Pember, the new restauranter, has come to stay, and knows how to cater to the palates of his numerous customers.

What's the matter with our druggists? They act quite offish this long while. Are they expecting to hear something "drap?"

"The Rock" is becoming famous for editors. Even our postmaster is accused of being one of them. How will it be when the new paper, the Enterprise, gets on its legs?

The Pawnee Rock schools are progressing finely under the management of Prof. H. W. Zirkle. Good order and strict attention to school work is the maxim of teachers and pupils. Tardiness is almost unknown in the school.

A brother of D. C. Kennedy died last week and D. C. left his school in charge of J. C. Miller, of this place, while he went to attend the last sad rites of laying the remains in their peaceful sleep.

Doc Miller begged a half bushel of spare ribs last week and had the misfortune of losing them in the livery stable, and although not a trace of a bone could be found, it is supposed the watch dog confiscated them for his supper.

Last week we came near having a coal famine, but the timely arrival of a car of Riffenberg, consigned to Bowman Bros & Co., gave us temporary relief. Why don't our coal merchants stock up in the fall and be ready for the attacks of the storm king?

"The Rock" has the most enterprising or the most charitable set of business men of any town of equal size in the state. One advertising medium does not satisfy them. They are determined to sustain two or perhaps more in the near future. That's right. Liberal advertising pays.

J. R. Baker has taken unto himself a wife—one of the first young ladies of the town, and they are cozily occupying one of the newest and finest dwellings in our little burg. Jake never does things by halves, and it is confidently expected he will observe his usual thoroughness in the role of pater familias.

We understand that the Enterprise is to be a democratic newspaper. "What is to be will be," but we can't see for the life of us how a "died in the wool" republican can publish a democratic newspaper without "conscientious scruples," but perhaps it is not given us to know all those mysteries, and we will await results.

"The old woman of the north" was picking geese on Saturday night again, and the profusion of feathers that sported through the air were laden with moisture, and on Sunday old Sol concentrated the force of his rays and the consequence is sufficient moisture for the roots of the winter wheat to thrive for the coming colder months. SPUNKY PETE.

—Ladies buy your husband a box of cigars for Christmas, at Dean & Patterson's drug store. 37

—Buy your coal of Allison Bros.

—Holiday toys of all kinds at J. H. Harpers. 39

## List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Great Bend postoffice for the week ending December 15:

Barton, John D	Neil, M E
Baker, H C	Proffitt, Hattie
Baldwin, D	Powell, Said
Boyd, H D	Penweil, S M
Carr, Mrs James	Reed, Calvin
Cramer, Henry	Stroup, Joseph
Devens, F P	Story, J F
Eller, D E	Scoville, Jas
Haw, I A	Trove, Frank
Helcher, Joseph H	Titus, Arthur
McDonel, Ed	Unruh, Henry D
Mittler & Yost	Wilson, Frank D
Richards, Ella D	Witte, Frank C
Manhull, Shelton	Winters, Henry
Wallace, Joshua	

Parties calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

H. P. BAIN, P. M.

—Another train load of Canon City coal has arrived for Allison Bros. 38

—The best 5 cent cigar in town at Dean & Pattersons drug store. 37

## SCHOOL NOTES.

Total enrollment 600.  
Next week will be taken up by the examination of pupils.

The following is the programme for December 10th:

Declamation, Will Chamberlin.  
Recitation, Nellie Matthews.  
Selection, Edith Carr.  
Recitation, Dora Wesley.  
Essay, Frank Wilson.  
Selection, Anna Hunn.  
Recitation, Mamie Colton.  
Essay, Lucy Miller.  
Character, Jennie Turner.  
Debate, affirmative, Arelie Reece; negative, Madge Smith.  
Selection, Katie Bowers.  
Essay, Arthur Culver.  
Queries answered by Lilla Bolinger.

—Celebrated Canon City coal at Allison Bros. 38

—Christmas presents at Dean & Patterson's. 37

—J. H. Harper has a fine line of pictures. 39

—Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy is a positive cure for catarrh, diphtheria and canker-moath. For sale by Burson & Shaw.

—See the fine display of holiday goods at Burson & Shaw's new store. Opera House block. 38

## NOTICE

## To All Whom it May Concern:

All indebted to the St. John & Marsh Co. are requested to settle either by cash or note by December 31st, 1886, and all matured notes and accounts must be paid by that time or they will pass to a lawyers hands for collection. We must have our money, and mean just what we say, J. F. ST. JOHN, Manager.

—Leave orders at Harper's book store and the C. & A. Grocery for coal from Allison Bros. 37

—Christmas presents at Dean & Patterson's. 37

## Mid-Winter Excursion Tickets.

Round trip tickets will be on sale to all points distant not more than 200 miles December 23d; 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st, 1886, and January 1st, 1887, at one and one-third fare.

To parties wishing to attend the Kansas State Teachers Association at Topeka, round trip tickets will be sold December 6th to 28th at one and one-third fare. All tickets will be good to return until January 3rd, 1887. W. TORREY, Agent.

—Darbys Prophylactic Fluid will destroy the infection of all fevers and all contagious and infectious diseases. Will keep the atmosphere of any sick room pure and wholesome, absorbing and destroying unhealthy effluvia and contagion. Will neutralize any bad smell whatever, not by disguising it, but by destroying it. Use Darbys Prophylactic Fluid in every sick-room.

—Christmas presents at Dean & Patterson's. 37

—J. H. Harper calls special attention to his elegant line of oil paintings and steel engravings. 39

## NOTICES FOR PUBLICATION.

## LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KANS.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register of said land, viz: W. H. Grant and Fred Houser, of Ellinwood, Kas, and Myron Gillman and James W. H. Grant, of Great Bend, Kas. Also

Phillip U. Brock, for the ss of sec 6, twp 17, sd r 15 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: C. A. Titus, Phillip Miller, Henry Brock, and Henry Houser, all of Nathan, Kas.

W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

## LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KANSAS.

November 18, A. D. 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register of said land, viz: Frank Justiner, H. E. No 1891, for lots 1 and 2 and the s 1/2 of the s 1/4 of sec 6, twp 18, r 14 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: C. A. Titus, Phillip Miller, Henry Brock, and Henry Houser, all of Nathan, Kas.

W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

## LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KANSAS.

November 23, A. D. 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register of said land, viz: Wm. P. Colles, H. E. No. 6624, for the north 1/2 of s 1/4 sec 10 twp 21 south range 14 west of 6 p. m. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Samuel Seely, of Great Bend, Kas.; W. H. Campbell, of Great Bend, Kas.; Will Curtis, of Great Bend, Kas.; and Edward J. Adams, of Great Bend, Kas.

W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

## U. S. LAND OFFICE,

LARNED, KANSAS, December 4, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register of said land, viz: J. H. Hamilton, widow of Gilbert Hamilton, deceased, for the s 1/2 of the s 1/4 of the s 1/4 of sec 4, twp 20, s of 32 w. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: E. N. Ford, Thos. Adair, Jas. Thompson and Stephen Thompson, all of Great Bend, Kas.

W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

## LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KANS.

December 9, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register of said land, viz: Wm. P. Colles, H. E. No. 6624, for the north 1/2 of s 1/4 sec 10 twp 21 south range 14 west of 6 p. m. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Samuel Seely, of Great Bend, Kas.; W. H. Campbell, of Great Bend, Kas.; Will Curtis, of Great Bend, Kas.; and Edward J. Adams, of Great Bend, Kas.

W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

## SCHOOL LAND SALE.

Notice is hereby given that I will offer at public sale at not less than \$1000, and in lots of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., of said day, at my office in court house in the city of Great Bend, Kas. The s 1/2 of the s 1/4 of the s 1/4 of the s 1/4 of sec 16, twp 17, r 12 w, as appraised at \$875. The terms and conditions of the sale will be in accordance with the provisions of the laws governing the sale of school lands.

L. F. WEVER, Treasurer Barton County, Kansas.

## WELL RILLING!

## FARMERS AND STOCKMEN

I have one of the most complete well machines ever brought to this country. I am prepared to drill wells any depth required. I will guarantee plenty of good water and a first class job in every respect. Terms for drilling 50 cent per foot, or 75 cent including tubing complete with Galvanized Iron No. 22, 6 inches in diameter, locked and riveted; the best that is made. Plenty of water and satisfaction guaranteed, or no pay required.

Orders left at Henry Wildgen's barn, south side of the square will receive prompt attention.

JOSEPH WILDGEN.



## Purely Vegetable.

## SAFER AND BETTER

I have been subject to severe spells of Congestion of the Liver, and have been in the habit of taking from 15 to 30 grains of calomel, which generally laid me up for three or four days. Lately I have been taking Simmons Liver Regulator, which gave me relief, without any interruption to business. J. HUGG, MIDDLEPORT, O.

**BILIOUSNESS** The REGULATOR I most cheerfully recommend to all who suffer from Bilious Attacks or any disease caused by a disordered state of the Liver. W. R. HERFARD, KANSAS CITY, MO.

**INDIGESTION** I suffered intensely with Full Stomach, Headache, etc. A neighbor who had taken Simmons Liver Regulator told me it was a sure cure for my trouble. The first dose I took relieved me very much, and in one week's time I was as strong and hearty as I ever was. It is the best medicine I ever took for Dyspepsia. H. G. CRENSHAW, RICHMOND, VA.

**CONSTIPATION** Testimony of Chief Justice of Ga.: I have used Simmons Liver Regulator for Constipation of my bowels, caused by a temporary derangement of the Liver, for the last three or four years, and always with decided benefit. ONLY GENUINE has our Stamp in red on front of Wrapper.

J. M. Zeilin & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. SOLE PROPRIETORS. Price \$1.00.

E. M. PARLIN, President. E. C. BAILEY, Cashier.

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## OF GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

## STOCKHOLDERS' LIABILITY, \$100,000.

Capital Stock, paid in... 50,000  
Surplus... 3,500

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## BUSINESS.

Hair Goods For the Holidays!

All kinds of hair work neatly and promptly done.

Hair Jewelry a Specialty!  
Southeast Corner of Square. Dennie



## BLACK WOLF!

Or Black Leprosy, is a disease which is considered incurable, but it has yielded to the curative properties of Swett's Specific—now known all over the world as S. S. Mrs. Bailey, of West Somerville, Mass., near Boston, was attacked several years ago with this hideous black eruption, and was treated by the best medical talent, who could only say that the disease was a species of

## LEPROSY

and consequently incurable. It is impossible to describe her sufferings. Her body from the crown of her head to the soles of her feet was a mass of decay, masses of flesh rotting off and leaving great gauding. Her fingers festered and three or four nails dropped off at one time. Her limbs contracted by the fearful ulceration, and for several years she did not leave her bed. Her weight was reduced from 125 to 60 lbs. Perhaps some faint idea of her condition can be gleaned from the fact that three pounds of Comedian or ointment were used per week in dressing her sores. Finally the physicians acknowledged their defeat by this Black Wolf, and commended the sufferer to her all-wise Creator.

Her husband hearing wonderful reports of the use of Swett's Specific (S. S. S.) prevailed on her to try it as a last resort. She began its use under protest, but soon found that her system was being relieved of the poison, as the sores assumed a red and healthy color, as though the blood was becoming pure and active. Mrs. Bailey continued the S. S. S. until last February: every sore was healed; she discarded chair and crutches, and was for the first time in twelve years a well woman. Her husband, Mr. A. Bailey, is in business at 17 1/2 Blackstone Street, Boston, and will take pleasure in giving the details of this wonderful cure. Send to us for Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases, mailed free.

THE SWETT SPECIFIC CO., DRAVER & ATLANTA, GA.

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## Surgeon-Dentist.

Having had the advantage of studying his profession in northern cities and an experience of over twenty years enables him to perform every operation known to dentistry, in as skillful and lasting a manner as can be done in any city east or north and at less cost. Office over National Bank.

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## BOOTS AND SHOES!

Just received an immense line of Sample Boots and shoes

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Respectfully,

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